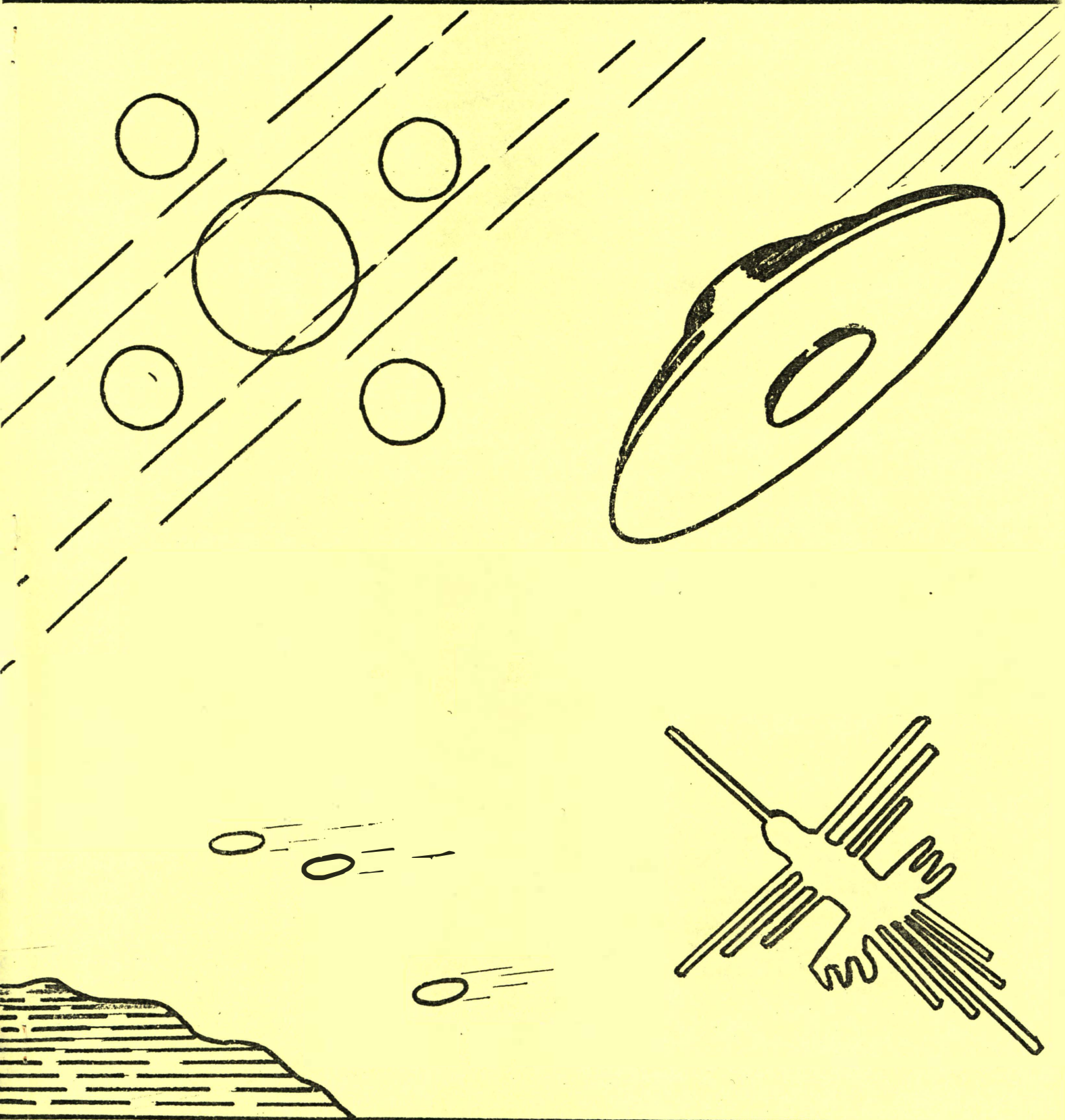


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THE MANSFIELD CONFERENCE

The Mansfield UFO Group presented its first UFO Conference on Saturday the 29th May at the Mansfield Arts Centre.

After a few initial teething problems, the conference opened with a talk given by UFO veteran speaker Arthur Tomlinson. Arthur's professional approach guaranteed that the audience would be held enthralled by his revelations and he did not disappoint them. His high standard of presentation and his equally excellent slides set the conference off on the right foot.

Your editor was asked to step in at short notice and fill a gap left by the failure of Andy Roberts (BUFORA) to attend. A slide show, with the added impetus of tape recorded voices of witnesses describing their sightings, added to the interest of the talk. The most fascinating incident was that of Mr Alfred Burtoo (aged 77), who while night fishing along the Basingstoke canal on the 12th of August 1983, encountered two small beings. They subsequently invited him to follow them aboard their saucer shaped UFO. Arthur was asked to stand under a yellow scanning light and was then told that he was "too old and infirm for their purpose". He promptly left and carried on fishing!

Frank Sharman, a local experimental airship designer, spoke on the feasibility of the "1896 Airship" involved in the mysterious sightings in the USA. As the subject of lifting airship designs became more involved and the technical problems were explained, there was some loss of audience attention.

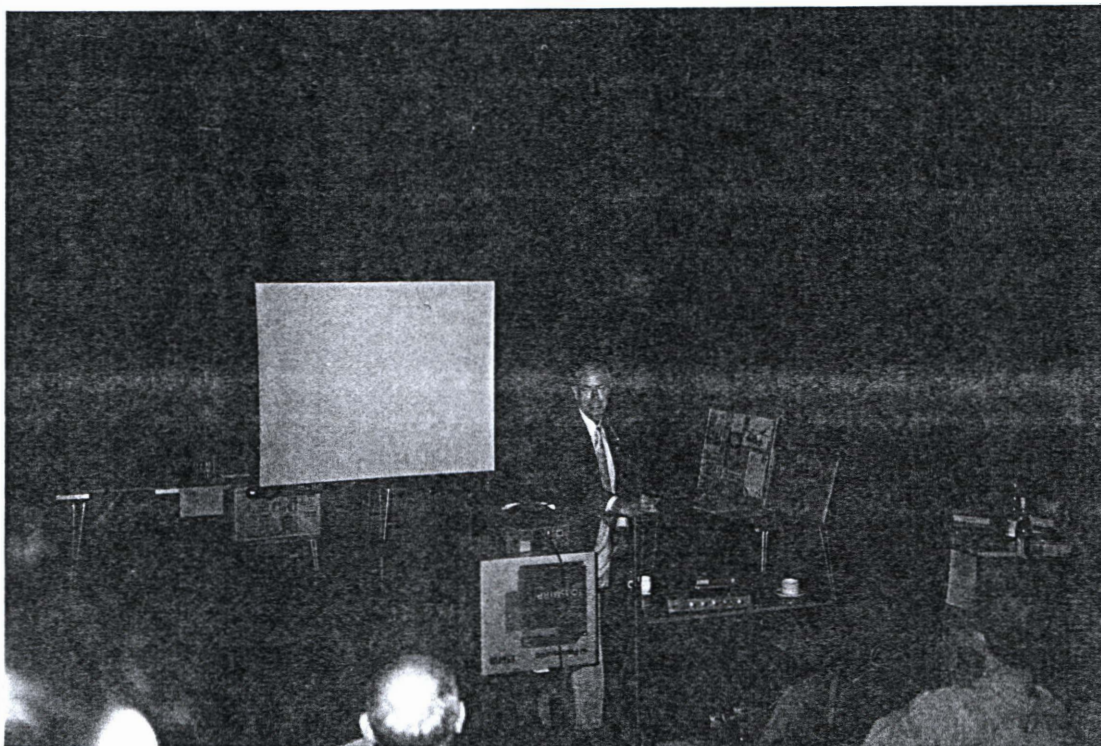
Jenny Randles the "El Supremo" of British Ufology, gave an excellent and well delivered talk on the subject of UFO's, in which she explained the many pitfalls of mis-identifying known natural and man-made phenomena. Jenny drew attention to the lack of evidence over the many claims that UFO craft are "spacecraft". The phenomenon covers such a wide and complex range, our senses may only be capable of detecting part of the mystery.

Mark Hayward and Karen Douglas were present at the Conference with a display of Crop Circle research material, together with a small exhibition by the PRA and the Mansfield UFO group. BBC Radio Nottingham interviewed a number of conference participants during the day.

SEEN AT THE MANSFIELD UFO CONFERENCE



Tony and Claire Upton, listen as Garry Stapleton discusses a point with Jenny Randles during a Conference break.



Omar Fowler stepped in and gave a talk on Surrey UFO cases, after Andy Roberts of BUFORA failed to attend. (Omar Fowler was National Co-Ordinator for BUFORA during the late 60's.)

WEST BRIDGFORD (NOTTS.) UFO ?

Mr P.Scott of West Bridgford, reported that two bright lights attracted his attention while he was driving on the night of the 21st April this year.

Mr Scott states that he was driving along Trevor Road at 1055pm when he noticed two bright lights ahead of him, just above tree level. The two white lights were almost joined together and were sharply defined. He described the brightness as being similar to floodlights.

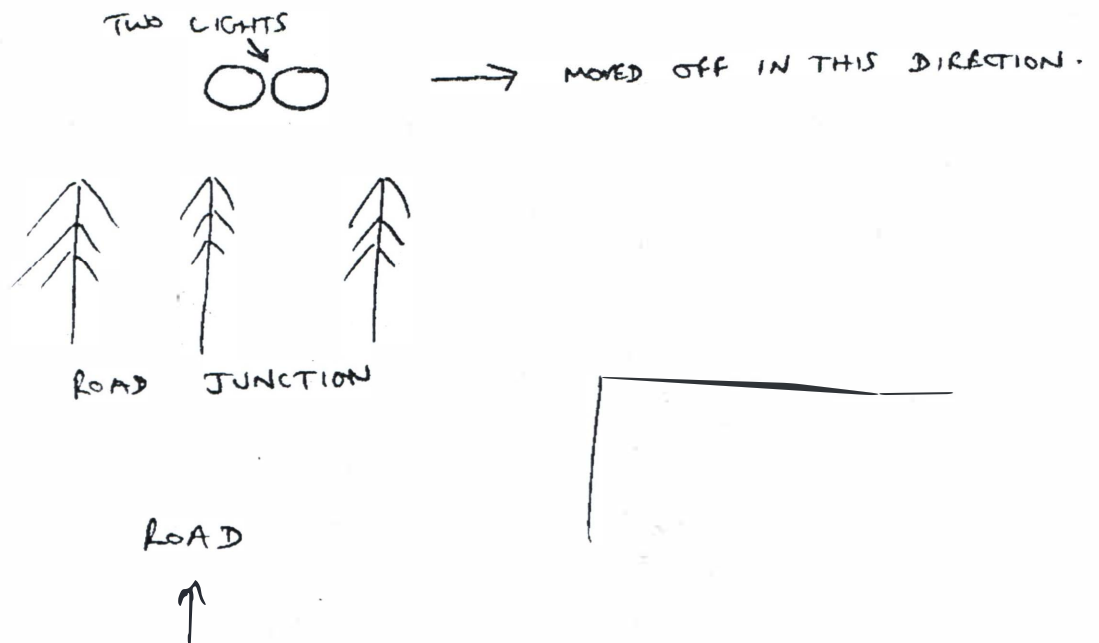
The witness stopped his car in order to observe the lights more closely. They appeared stationary at first, but then slowly moved off in a southwest direction and were lost from sight behind some trees.

There was no sound heard in association with the lights and the entire observation lasted about twenty seconds. The lights were described as circular and were unusual because of their extreme brightness.

Editors Comment:

Bright twin lights of this type have been reported over a number of years and at times have been described as suddenly shooting skyward out of sight. We must bear in mind that similar lights have been accounted for by approaching aircraft having their landing lights switched on, although in this instance no sound was heard and the lights appear to have been too low.

Mr Scott's sketch is reproduced below:



CROP CIRCLE SOUNDS

The following is a report of the investigation into sound recordings made at Wanborough and Beckhampton in Surrey on the 21st August 1992.

The Wanborough crop circle was a 33m. clockwise formation whereas the Beckhampton circle was an 8m. anti-clockwise formation. Both were formed in wheat.

The procedure used was to attach a 1ft. metal probe to each of the lines of the external microphone socket of a portable cassette recorder and then pushing the probes into the ground 1m. apart to measure the electromagnetic activity between them at various sites. The recordings (each of about 1 minute duration) were separated by periods of silence in order to later identify each location.

The first recording was taken at the centre of the Wanborough circle and was seen on an oscilloscope as being a 5KHz hiss with spikes occurring frequently and randomly during the recording.

The second was taken at the edge of the circle and the 5KHz hiss was quieter except for a ten-second burst when it was loud as the first recording. The spikes were as frequent and just as large.

The third recording was taken half-way into the circle and again the hiss was quieter except for a five-second burst and the spikes were the same.

The fourth recording was taken 1m. outside the circle: the hiss remained quiet and there were virtually no spikes.

Audible from playing the tape, but not visible on the oscilloscope, was a faint bleep every four seconds on the first three readings but not on the fourth.

The fifth recording was taken at the centre of the Beckhampton circle. This time the 5KHz hiss was louder than the first at Wanborough and was very agitated: the pattern of "white noise" jerking up and down on the screen of the oscilloscope. There were also many very large spikes.

The sixth recording was from the edge of the circle and was similar to the fifth except that the oscilloscope display was less agitated and there were very few spikes.

The 5KHz hiss seems to be a natural function of the recorder's audio circuits when connected across the high impedance of the earth between the probes. The four second bleeps were not visible on the oscilloscope and must have been at least 10dBs down on the hiss. But the human ear is known to be very good at picking out minute sounds within a noisy background.

Later recordings taken in the researcher's own back-garden showed a very different picture with a repetitive pattern every 100mS which swamped the 5KHz hiss from the recorder. This could well have emanated from a nearby household appliance.

- MIKE ROWLAND

The above article has been kindly sent in by Jeff Whitear.

THE EDITORS TURKISH DELIGHT

Omar and Deana Fowler recently spent a short holiday in Turkey (which accounts for the erratic newsletter production).

The country was scenically beautiful and the people were extremely friendly (the weather was sunny and hot).

It was part of the holiday package deal, to travel at unearthly hours and it was while heading for the airport of Dalaman from the holiday resort of Marmaris that something strange happened!

The coach set off from the coastal resort of Marmaris at 2.45am and within a short time the passengers began to doze and drop off to sleep. To assist in their comfort, the internal lights of the coach were switched off. The coach bounced along the bumpy road at high speed with only the headlights to show the road ahead.

It was a few minutes to 4am (1am GMT) on the morning of the 25th May, when Deana Fowler noticed a group of lights in the distance. "I thought it was the illuminated dome of a Mosque" she commented later. Your editor had also spotted the lights, which at first was thought to have been an aircraft approaching Dalaman airport. There were however a number of points that didn't match.

The two main headlight beams were greenish, there were no strobe lights and the object did not carry any red or green navigation lights.

The coach was now bouncing along at high speed on a road passing close to the Golgeli Daglari mountain range and there was complete darkness all around, apart from the headlights of the coach.

The object appeared to be about a mile away and the size of an old ten pence piece. Then as it slowly turned and weaved its way through the mountain tops, a number of greenish smaller lights could be seen along the side of the object.

Above your editors head, perched safely in the luggage rack, was a Panasonic M5 video camera, fully loaded and ready to go! The camera which was in its case, was hastily pulled down from the rack, the case was locked and the keyhole extremely small.

So there we were bouncing along in complete darkness, fumbling for the key to the camera case, then having found it, searching frantically for the keyhole in the darkness. Eventually it was found, the key turned, the case opened and the video camera taken out and raised to shoot.....at that point the road turned and the mysterious lights were lost out of sight behind the coach!

There were no other witnesses to the UFO, as everyone else was asleep, but a sketch made by Deana Fowler is shown below:



The lights were not reflections, as they disappeared at times behind roadside trees as the coach drove along. The greenish lights were unusual and had almost a fluorescent glow to them and as previously mentioned, there was no sign of any conventional aircraft lights. The duration of the sighting was some five minutes.

A picture by Omar Fowler is shown below:



TALE ENDERS

We have received a number of "Inforespace" magazines from the SOBEPS group in Belgium. They are in French and it would be helpful if someone could assist us by reading through them and noting the main points of interest.

Thanks to Eileen Fletcher who has translated and sent us a number of Scandinavian UFO/LITS cases. A selection of these will be printed in the next OVNI.

John Clamp (Nottingham) informs us that according to his daughter in Australia, there continue to be numerous reports of strange lights being seen over Adelaide.

Years ago I heard a BBC news report stating that a UFO hovering over Adelaide was interfering with signals from the orbiting Gemini spacecraft.....this item of news was not repeated and did not appear in the national press! (D notice?) Ed.

Did any of our members attend the one day event in Nottingham, featuring Geoff Freed (a former Zen Buddhist Monk) on Saturday 19th June?

MONOPOLE MAGNETS: Pat Delgado has added further to his article published in last month's OVNI:-

Would the sphere remain in suspension if it were placed above a surface of the same polarity?

What would happen if this sphere were placed inside a hollow sphere or hemisphere whose inside surface was of the same polarity?

If this sphere were placed on a level, smooth and flat non-ferrous surface, would it roll towards the Earth magnetic pole or opposite pole polarity?

In the latest issue of the East Midlands UFO groups magazine "EMUFORA", reference is made to several sightings of a red pulsating "ball" seen passing over the Draycott area of Derbyshire (January 1992). Red balls of this nature have been seen in close proximity to the Belgian "Flying Triangles".

NEXT MEETING

Will be held at the Stanley Club, Stanley Common, near Ilkeston (A609) at 8pm on Wednesday 23rd June.

All the latest UFO news plus a video show including several new Australian UFO Cases.

LATE PROGRAMME CHANGE

WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE WELL KNOWN DOWSER FROM COVENTRY, MIKE NEWARK WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE MEETING ON THE 23rd JUNE. HE WILL ALSO SHOW A VIDEO ON HIS CROP CIRCLE WORK.
(Revised admission price £1.00)